IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE

IN RE: § (Chapter 11)

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NORTHWESTERN CORPORATION, § Case No. 03-12872 (CGC)

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DEBTOR. § Related to Docket No. 1790

NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL OF THE OBJECTION BY HARBERT MANAGEMENT CORPORATION TO CONFIRMATION OF THE DEBTOR'S FIRST AMENDED PLAN OF REORGANIZATION UNDER CHAPTER 11 OF THE BANKRUPTCY CODE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that in accordance with the Term Sheet for Second Amended Plan of Reorganization, signed on August 20, 2004 (the "Term Sheet"), Harbert Management Corporation hereby withdraws the Objection by Harbert Management Corporation to Confirmation of the Debtor's First Amended Plan of Reorganization Under Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code (Docket No. 1790). Pursuant to the Term Sheet, this withdrawal is without prejudice, but shall be deemed with prejudice upon the Effective Date of the Second Amended Plan of Reorganization.

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